

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Ronald W. Page

Application No.: 09/129,255

Filed: August 4, 1998

For: HIGH SPEED VIDEO MIXER

**CIRCUIT** 

Commissioner for Patent

Washington, D.C. 20231

Group Art Unit: 2611

Examiner: KASTAK

SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT BASED UPON FAILURE TO RECEIVE OFFICE ACTION [MPEP 711.03 (c)(II)]

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING** 

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Sir:

On November 21, 2002, Applicant filed a Request to Withdraw a Holding of Abandonment under MPEP 711.03 (c)(II) pursuan to 37 CFR §1.181(a). Although apparently no formal Notice of Abandonment has been mailed by the Patent Office in this application, the undersigned understands from telephone conversations with Examiner Kastak that an Office Action was issued by the Patent Office in this application on April 11, 2002.

As explained in the November 21, 2002 petition, the Office Action was not received by the Applicant or by the undersigned, the attorney of record in this application. In view of this fact, and at the suggestion of Examiner Kastak, Applicant petitioned for a withdrawal of the holding of abandonment of this application based upon failure to receive the Office Action, the petition being submitted in accordance with MPEP 711.03 (c)(II).

On April 3, 2003, the Director's Office for Technology Center 2600 issued a decision denying Applicant's petition, stating that the petition did not include "a statement from the practitioner stating that the Office communication was not received by the practitioner at the address of record." The decision stated further that "A review of the file record finds that a Change of Address was filed by applicant on October 7, 2002; nearly six months after the mailing of the non-final Office action. However, the petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment fails to specifically state at which address the petitioner was receiving mail at the time of the April 11, 2002 mailing of the non-final Office action."

In order to fully address the requirements for a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment in this application, the undersigned hereby restates that the April 11, 2002, Office Action was not received by the undersigned and that the search of file jacket and docket records of the undersigned indicate that the Office Action was not received.

The undersigned further states that docket records of the undersigned setting forth all due dates for matters received from the Patent Office and having a Patent Office mailing date in the month of April, 2002, were submitted as Attachment A with the November 21, 2002, petition. As indicated by those documents, no communication relating to the above-identified application (Applicant's Docket No. NSC1-H0700) was entered into the undersigned's docket. Applicant also submitted as Attachment B to the November 21, 2002, petition a copy of a docket entry record specific to the above-identified patent application (Applicant's Docket No. NSC1-H0700) indicating that no response to the Office Action was docketed for this matter.

The undersigned hereby supplements the November 21, 2002, petition with the statement below directed to specifying the address at which the petitioner was receiving mail at the time of the April 11, 2002 mailing of the non-final Office Action.

As stated in the decision on the original petition, Applicant's Change of Address requesting the Patent Office to direct correspondence regarding this application to the undersigned at Stallman & Pollock LLP, 121 Spear Street, Suite 290, San Francisco, CA 94105 was filed in the Patent Office on October 6, 2002. As evidence by the enclosed document titled "Revocation of Power of Attorney by Assignee and Appointment of New Counsel", enclosed herewith as Attachment A, the mailing address of record for this application prior to the filing of

the Change of Address request and at the time of the mailing of the Office Action on April 11, 2002 was Limbach & Limbach LLP, Atten: Michael J. Pollock, 2001 Ferry Building, San Francisco, CA 94111. A copy of Applicant's postcard receipt indicating received by Patent Office of this document on July 24, 2000 is enclosed herewith as Attachment A1.

The law firm of Limbach & Limbach dissolved effected December 31, 2000. The undersigned was at that time and continues to be an active member of the Wind Down Committee of Limbach & Limbach, A Law Firm in Dissolution. At the direction of the Wind Down Committee of Limbach & Limbach, A Law Firm in Dissolution, since approximately March 1, 2001, the U.S. Post Office has been forwarding all communications addressed to Limbach & Limbach, 2001 Ferry Building, San Francisco, CA 94111, to David C. Duncan & Co., 60 East Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Suite 208, Larkspur, CA 94909. At the direction of the Wind Down Committee of Limbach & Limbach, A Law Firm in Dissolution, David C. Duncan & Co. has forwarded all mail received from the Patent Office addressed to Limbach & Limbach to the attorney of record in the respective matter; in this case, correspondence received from the Patent Office regarding the above-identified application is directed to the undersigned at the above-provided address of Stallman & Pollock LLP. The undersigned has received no such communication from David C. Duncan & Co. Applicant has inquired of David C. Duncan & Co. as to whether it has received any communication regarding this application; David C. Duncan & Co. states that it has not. Thus, the undersigned restates that the Office Action discussed above has not been received by the undersigned either at the address indicated in the Change of Address filed by Applicant on October 7, 2002, or at the Limbach & Limbach LLP forwarding address at the David C. Duncan & Co. listed above.

In view of the above, it is requested that the abandonment of the above-identified application, if it has occurred, be withdrawn and that a copy of the April 11, 2002, Office Action be forwarded to the undersigned at the following address (i.e. the address referred to in the Change of Address document filed in this application on October 6, 2002): Michael J. Pollock, Stallman & Pollock LLP, 121 Spear Street, Suite 290, San Francisco, CA 94105. It is also requested that the Applicant be provided a reasonable amount of time for preparation and filing of a thorough and well-reasoned response to the Office Action.

In the event that a copy of the Office Action cannot be obtained from the Patent Office through the mechanism suggested by Examiner Kastak, then it is requested that the Patent Office provide guidance to the undersigned regarding how a copy of the Office Action can be obtained and the prosecution of this application before the Patent Office continued.

Respectfully submitted,

STALLMAN & POLLOCK LLP

Dated: April 28, 2003

Michael J. Pollock Reg. No. 29,098 Attorneys for Applicant(s)

Atty. Docket No.: NSC1-H0700 [NS3287]



## ATTACHMENT A

Attorney Docket No. NSC1-H0700 [NS3287]

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NATIONAL SEMICONDUCTOR CORPORATION, assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the above-identified application by assignment dated September 10, 1998, which assignment is recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 9508, Frame 0330, hereby appoints the members of the firm of LIMBACH & LIMBACH L.L.P., a firm composed of

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2001 Ferry Building, San Francisco, CA 94111,(415) 433-4150, FAX (415) 433-8716, and the following members of the NATIONAL SEMICONDUCTOR CORPORATION Intellectual Property Department: Eugene Conser (Reg. No. 39,149); Coleman Reif (Reg. No. 38,593); Allen Tremain (Reg. No. 40,207); Christopher J. Byrne (Reg. No. 32,204); and Chad Walsh (Reg. No. 43,235) as its attorneys/agents with full power of substitution to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith.

Please direct all correspondence regarding this application to the following:

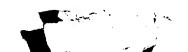
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